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To amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize transportation at Government expense for dependents, accompanying members of the uniformed services at their posts of duty, who require medical care not locally available.

1        Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of  
2        the United States of America in Congress assembled, That chapter 53  
3        of title 10, United States Code, is amended--

4            (1) by adding the following new section at the end thereof:

5            "§ 1040. Transportation of dependent patients

6            "(a) If a dependent accompanying a member of the uni-  
7        formed services who is on active duty for a period of more than  
8        30 days requires medical attention which is not available in . .  
9        the locality, transportation of the dependent at the expense  
10      of the United States is authorized to a medical facility in  
11      which adequate medical care is available. On his recovery,  
12      the dependent may be transported at the expense of the United  
13      States to the duty station of the member or to such other place  
14      determined to be appropriate under the circumstances. If a  
15      dependent is unable to travel unattended, round-trip transporta-  
16      tion and travel expenses may be furnished necessary attendants.

17            "(b) 'Dependent' and 'uniformed services' in this section  
18      have the meanings of those terms as defined in section 1072 of  
19      this title.

1                         "(c) Transportation and travel expenses authorized by  
2                         this section shall be furnished in accordance with joint regu-  
3                         lations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, the  
4                         Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Commerce, and the  
5                         Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, which shall  
6                         require the use of transportation facilities of the United States  
7                         insofar as practicable."; and  
8                         (2) by adding the following new item at the end of the analysis:  
9                         "1040. Transportation of dependent patients."